

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST ADDENDUM SHEET
U.S. 301 SOUTH CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Property Name: James Hamilton House
Survey No.: PG:74B-7

Property Address 16810 Federal Hill Court (formerly Bill Crain Highway North), Bowie vicinity, Prince George's County
Owner Name/Address Michael and Teresa Fajman, 16810 Federal Hill Court, Bowie MD 20716
Year Built circa 1875

Description:

The James Hamilton House, also known as Bowdle's Choice, was previously surveyed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in 1986 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Since the time of the previous survey, a tobacco barn outside the National Register Boundary has been demolished. There have been no other changes to the property.

National Register Evaluation:

The James Hamilton House was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in November of 1988.

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The National Register Boundaries of the James Hamilton House were established by the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form, dated 1988. The boundaries followed the property lines of Prince George's County Tax Map 70, Parcel 138, as described in Prince George's County Land Records Liber 6435, Folio 455. The same parcel is now located within the Federal Hill Farm subdivision and is referenced as Lot 8 of Subdivision 2085. The 2.04-hectare (5.051-acre) parcel is bounded on the southwest, northwest and northeast by adjacent tax parcels and on the southeast by Federal Hill Court. The boundary includes the main house and meat house as contributing buildings and the garage and dairy barn as non-contributing buildings. The boundary encompasses the land immediately surrounding the main house. It excludes the agricultural land historically associated with the property.

MHT CONCURRENCE:

Eligibility ☒ recommended ☐ not recommended

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: _____

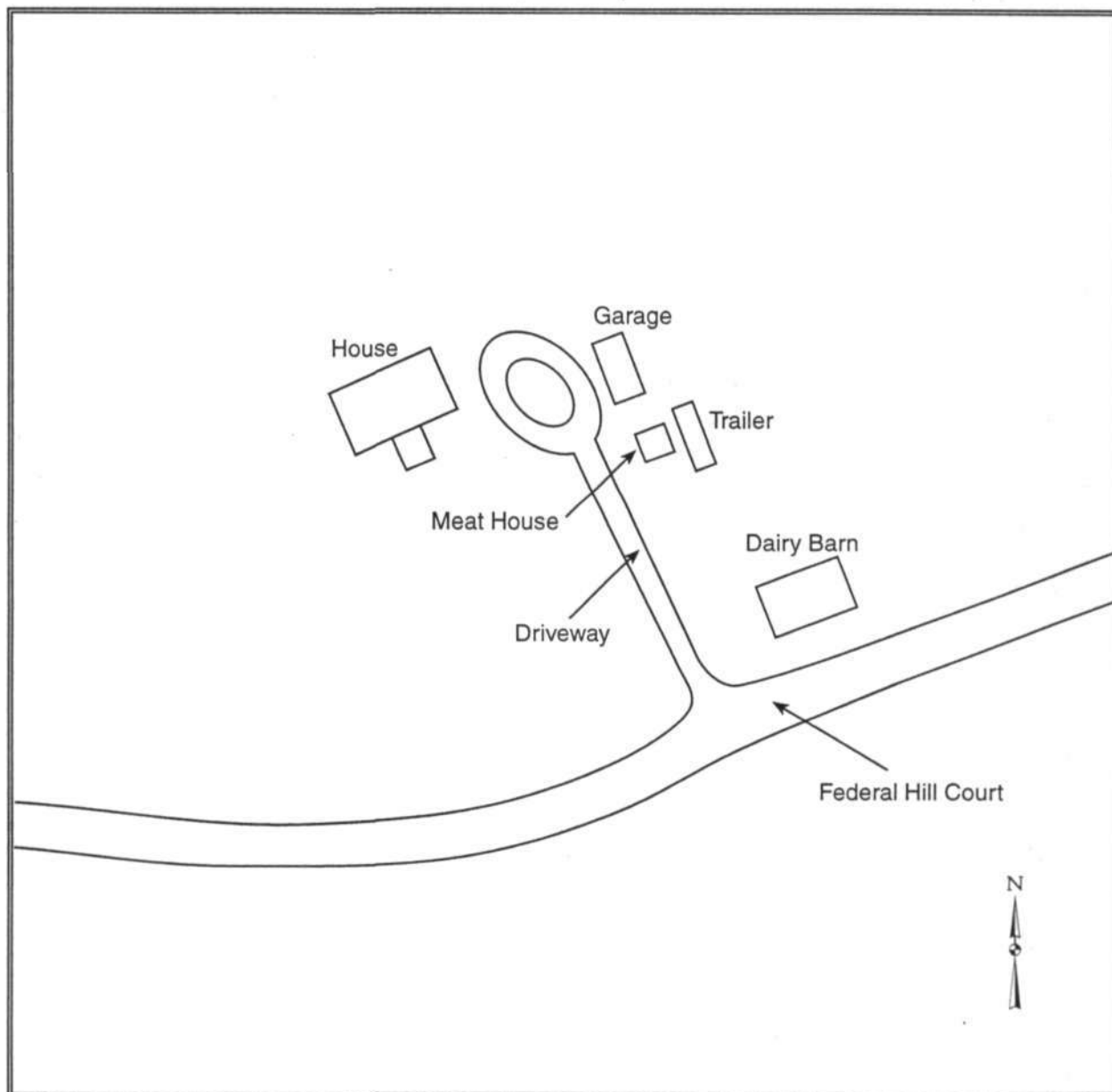
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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

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Reviewer, NR program

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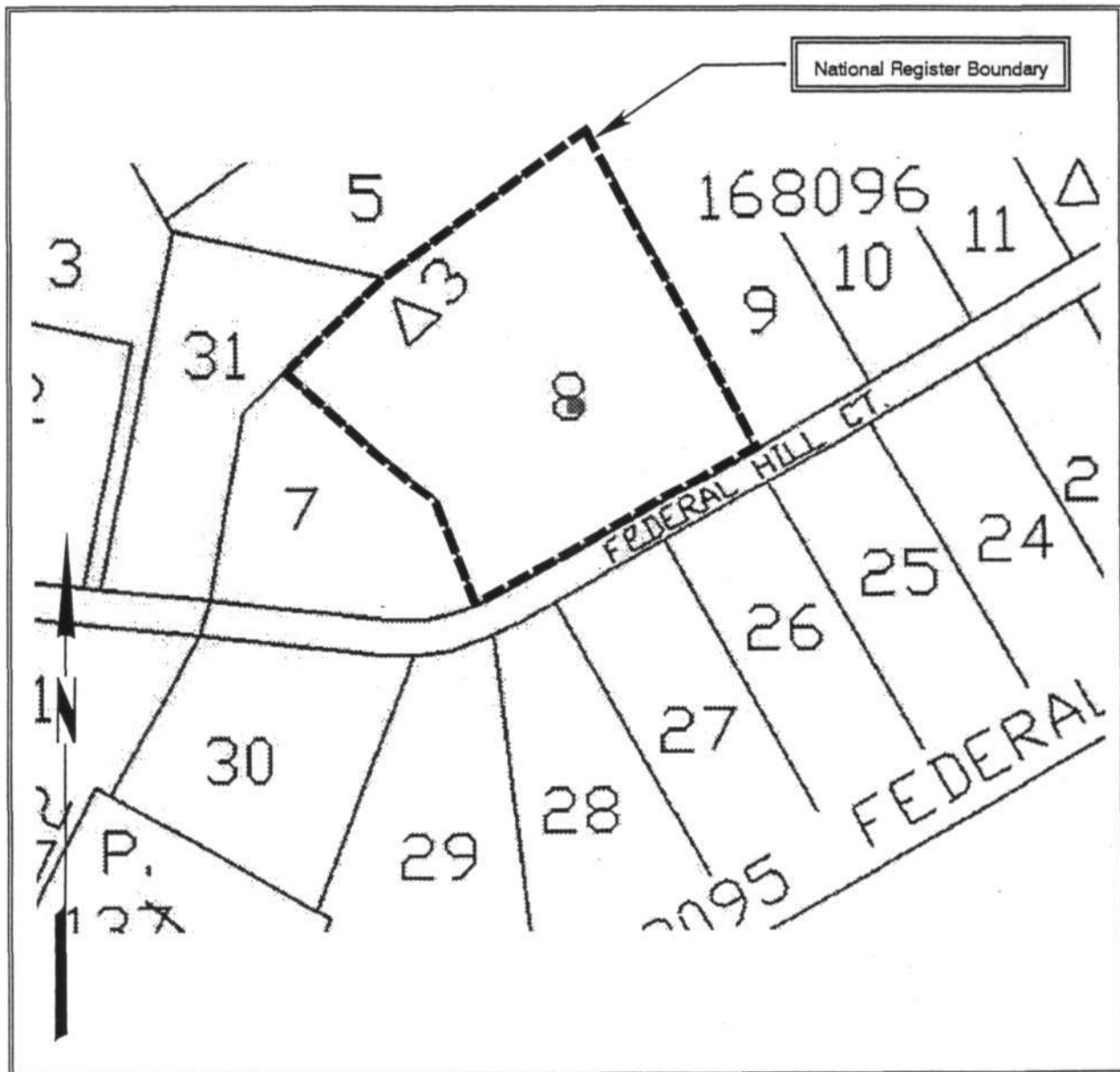
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Year Built circa 1875

Resource Sketch Map:



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National Register Boundary Map:



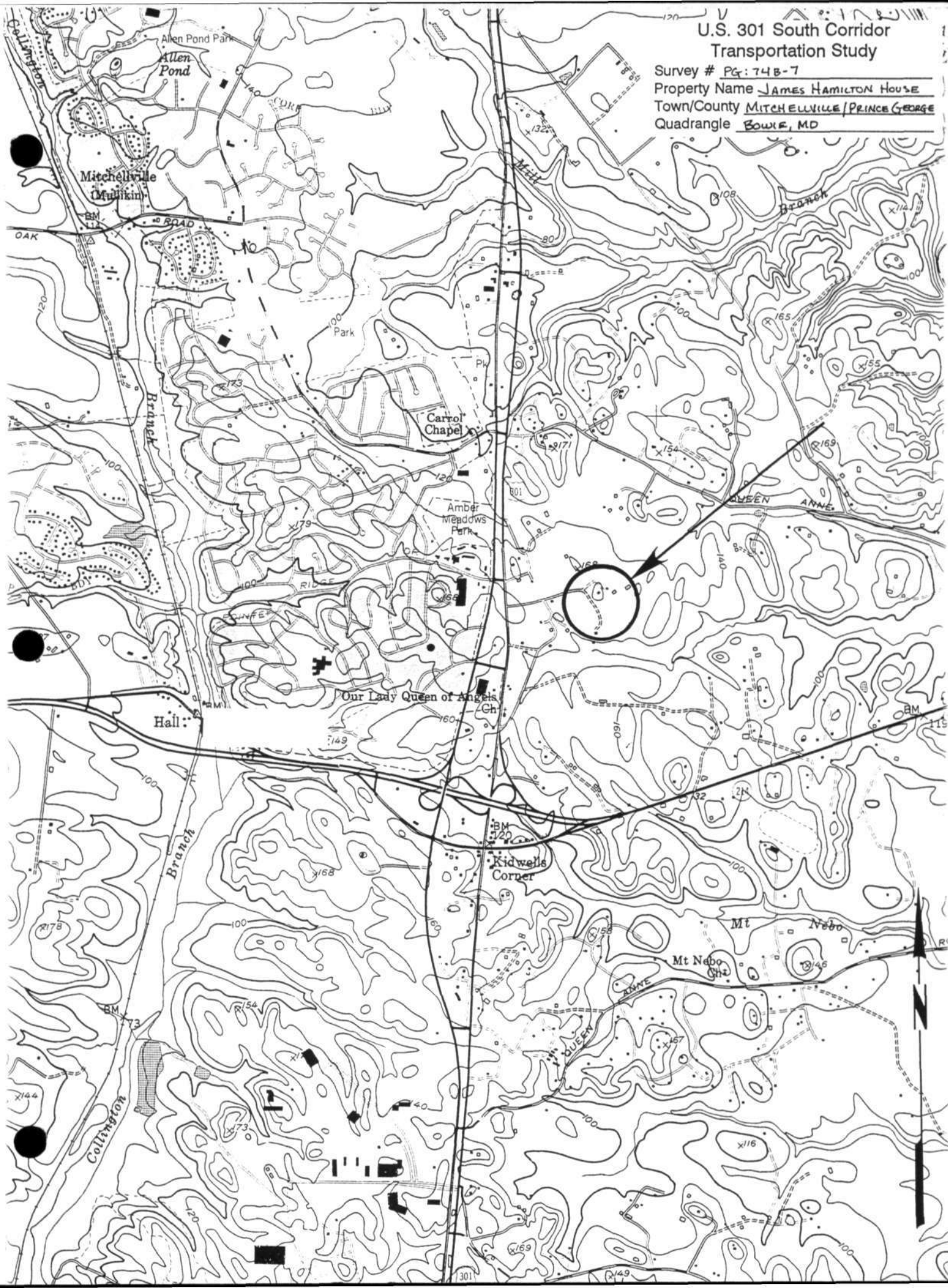
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Property Name JAMES HAMILTON HOUSE

Town/County MITCHELLVILLE / PRINCE GEORGE

Quadrangle BOWIE, MD





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JAMES HAMILTON HOUSE
PRINCE GEORGES CO., MD

T. TAMBURRINO

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N (FRONT) ELEVATION

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PRINCE GEORGE'S CO., MD

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NE CORNER

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T. TAMBURRINO

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SW CORNER

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SE CORNER

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BARN VIEW NE

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BARN VIEW SE

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SHED + TRAILER, VIEW NE
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J. TAMBURRINO

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SHED, TRAILER + GARAGE, VIEW NE

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GARAGE, VIEW NE

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VIEW OF MODERN HOUSES FROM FRONTYARD, VIEW SE

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Bowdle's Choice
other names/site number Hamilton, James, House (preferred) PG:74B-7

2. Location

street & number 1311 Crain Highway North ☐ not for publication
city, town Mitchellville ☐ vicinity
state Maryland code MD county Prince George's code 033 zip code 20716

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district		_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site		_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		_____ objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

Date

9-19-88

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

☐ entered in the National Register.☐ See continuation sheet.☐ determined eligible for the National Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.☐ determined not eligible for the National Register.☐ removed from the National Register.☐ other, (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88002064

Date Listed: 11/10/88

James Hamilton House
Property Name

Prince George's
County

MD
State

Multiple Name _____

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patrick Andrews
Signature of the Keeper

11/10/88
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Through an oversight a period of significance was not provided. Ron Andrews with the MD SHPO clarified this point. The official period of significance for this property now coincides with the Specific Dates provided, ca. 1875.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file,
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwellingDomestic/secondary structure

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwellingDomestic/secondary structureAgriculture/animal facility**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorianother; Gothic

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brickwalls wood/weatherboardroof slateother wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

The James Hamilton House, built in the mid 1870s, is a two-and-one-half-story gable-roof frame Late Victorian house which stands in a grove of trees on farmland east of Crain Highway at Mitchellville. Its main block is a refined form of the traditional I-house plan, highlighted by clipped gable ends, asymmetrical projecting bays, and central crossgable on the main north facade; the cornices of the main block, projecting bays, and north porch are embellished with bold jigsaw brackets. A rear kitchen wing extends to the south, inset slightly from the east gable end of the main block, forming an ell. The house is sheathed with German siding painted white; it rests on a brick foundation, and its roof is covered with (original) slate shingle. Outbuildings include a board-and-batten meat house contemporary with the house, a garage constructed in the 1950s, and a large concrete block dairy barn constructed in the 1960s.

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The James Hamilton House is a two-and-one-half-story gable-roof frame Late Victorian house which consists of main block and a slightly lower rear kitchen wing which forms an ell. It stands in a grove of trees approximately 1/4 mile east of (but not visible from) Crain Highway at Mitchellville.

The main block is three bays by one bay, approximately 36 by 18 feet, an elaborate form of the traditional 1-house plan with fine Italianate detail. It is highlighted by clipped gable ends and bold jigsaw brackets. Entrance is in the central bay of the three-bay principal north facade, through a four-panel door with deeply molded round-arch Victorian panels. The three-pane transom and two-pane sidelights are now filled with clear glass, which replaces the original colored lights. There are wainscot panels beneath the sidelights, and the casing consists of a plain board surround.

Above the entrance at third story level is a central crossgable; it is lighted by an arched window which repeats the profile of the clipped gable ends. This window is wood frame, 3/3 double hung sash, and has a plain board surround without shutters. An early photograph of the house shows that the central cross gable was originally ornamented with stick style pendants and tall finial; the finial has been preserved.

Sheltering the north facade of the main block is a one-story hip-roof porch supported by chamfered posts with jigsaw brackets: open curved lateral brackets, and boldly profiled Italianate brackets supporting the eaves. The house is clad with German siding painted white. Windows are wood frame; on the first story they are full-length 4/8 double hung sash, (created by additional muntins applied to the original 2/4 sashes). Windows in the second story are 5/6 double hung sash, replacing the original 2/2 sashes (3/3 in the central bay). The windows have plain board surrounds and dark green louvered shutters.

Each of the east and west gable ends of the main block is lighted by a two-story projecting bay; these two bays are not symmetrical to one another. In the east gable end is a hip-roof semi-hexagonal bay with 6/6 windows in each of its two faces. South of this east bay is a side entrance to the house, sheltered by a one-story shed-roof entry porch; the porch is supported by chamfered posts with molded capitals and bases. In the west gable end is a hip-roof semi-octagonal bay with 6/6 double hung sash windows in each of its three faces; this west bay fills the entire west gable end. The eaves of the two projecting bays are punctuated with boldly profiled jigsaw brackets. The present windows replace original 2/2 sashes.

The gable roof of the main block is covered with slate (original), and the gable ends are clipped (jerkinhead style). The cornice is boxed, with overhanging eaves, and embellished with the same jigsaw bracket which adorn

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the north porch and side bays. Two corbelled brick chimneys rise from the ridge, flanking the central bay, and serving fireplaces in the interior walls of the two parlors.

Interior plan of the main block is a central stairhall flanked by two parlors. The open-string two-run staircase rises along the east wall of the stairhall to a landing, then turns 90 degrees, and a second run rises along the west wall to the two second-story chambers. The stair has a heavy turned newel, turned balusters and bracketed stair ends; the spandrel is plain. The stairhall has a circular plaster ceiling medallion with floral motifs. The door and window surrounds throughout the main block are particularly fine, with a large outer torus bead, and inner courses of frieze, fillet and cyma reversa moldings.

Each of the parlors is warmed by a fireplace centrally located in its interior wall. These two fireplaces have identical mantels of dark marbleized stone with applied central shield/cartouche below the shelf. The living room (west) has a high molded baseboard, and a plaster ceiling medallion with floral and acanthus-leaf motifs. The dining room (east) has a pedestal chair-rail, below which is vertical beaded wainscoting. The oval plaster ceiling medallion has grape motifs.

Inset from the east gable end of the main block, extending to the south and forming an ell, is a two-bay by one-bay kitchen wing, approximately 24 by 16 feet. Siding of the wing is the same as the main block. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash with plain board surrounds and ark green louvered shutters. There is a small lunette window at third story level in the south gable end. The overhanging eaves of the gable roof are not bracketed. The roof is covered with slate, as is the main block, and a corbelled brick chimney is centrally located at the ridge. Filling the inside (southwest) corner of the ell is a shed-roof porch with stick-style brackets; it shelters entrances into the rear of the stairhall (main block) and the first bay (west facade) of the wing. There is a doorway centered in the south gable end of the wing; it is sheltered by a plain (1940s) one-story shed roof porch which spans the south gable end. All exterior trim, including corner posts, is painted white. The entire house rests on a brick foundation which encloses a full cellar under the kitchen wing.

Interior of the wing consists of two spaces, pantry on the north and kitchen on the south connected by a side corridor along the west wall. There is a small enclosed staircase in the southwest corner which has been closed to create a bathroom. All of the interior walls of the wing were originally covered with beaded wainscoting, laid horizontally. Alterations (1940s) in the kitchen space include the replacement of a south window by the present door, and the addition of a two-pane window in the east wall where the original door had been.

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The house stands within a semicircular drive. Two large linden trees, planted at the time of construction of the house, frame the north entrance. Directly east of the house is an open gable-roof garage structure constructed (1950s) of brick and concrete block. Directly south of the garage is a frame meat house, contemporary with the dwelling. The meat house has a gable roof covered with corrugated metal, and wide board-and-batten siding. Entrance is through a batten door in the west facade. The meat house is in deteriorating condition, surrounded by considerable undergrowth.

Southeast of the meat house is a large concrete block dairy barn, constructed in the 1960s. It has a gambrel roof covered with standing seam aluminum. Entrance is in the west end of the building, and there is a small one-story shed-roof addition attached on the south. Farther to the east and not within the nominated property, is a gable roof tobacco barn with vertical board siding, constructed in the 1950s.

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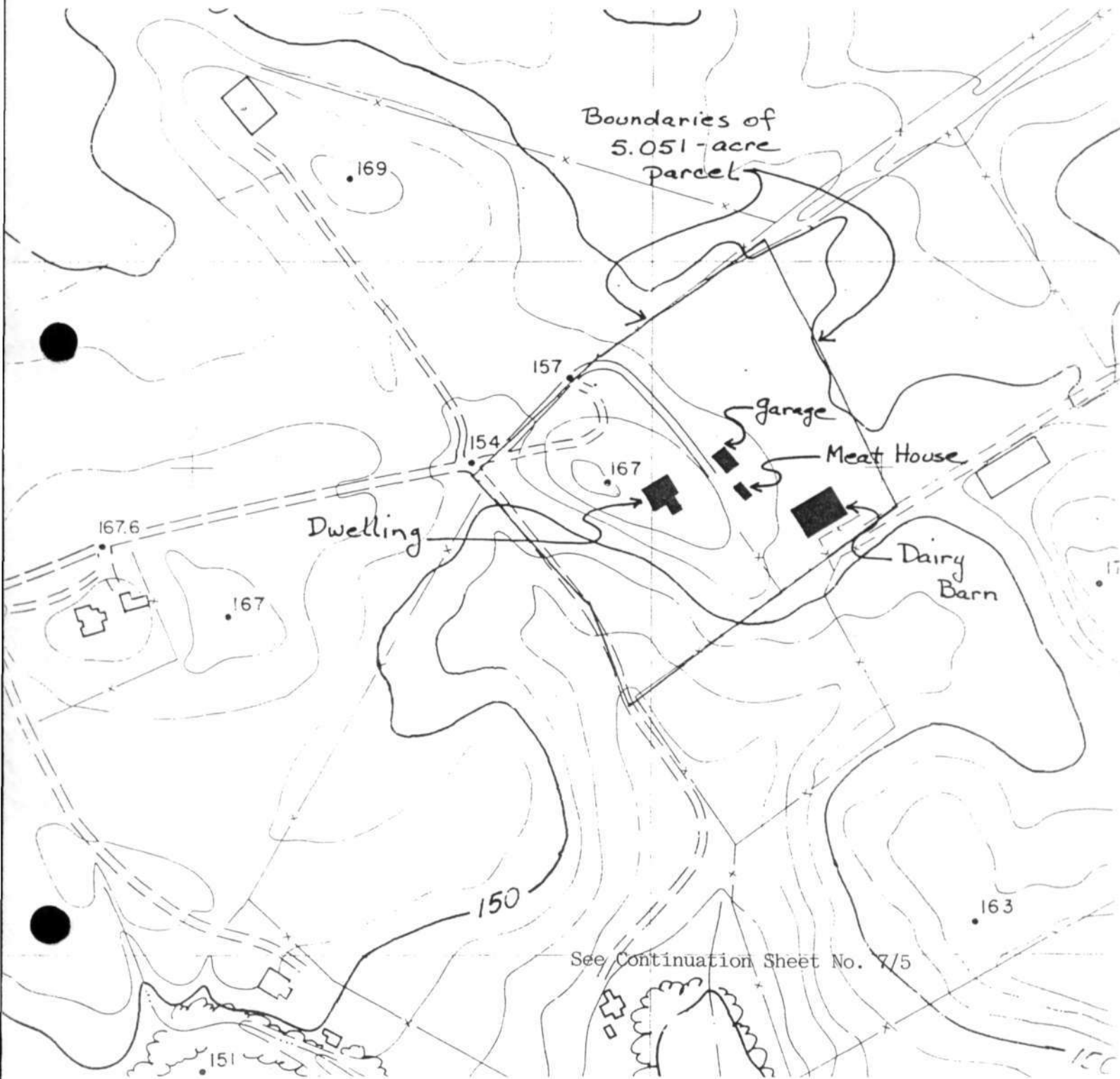
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resource sketch map



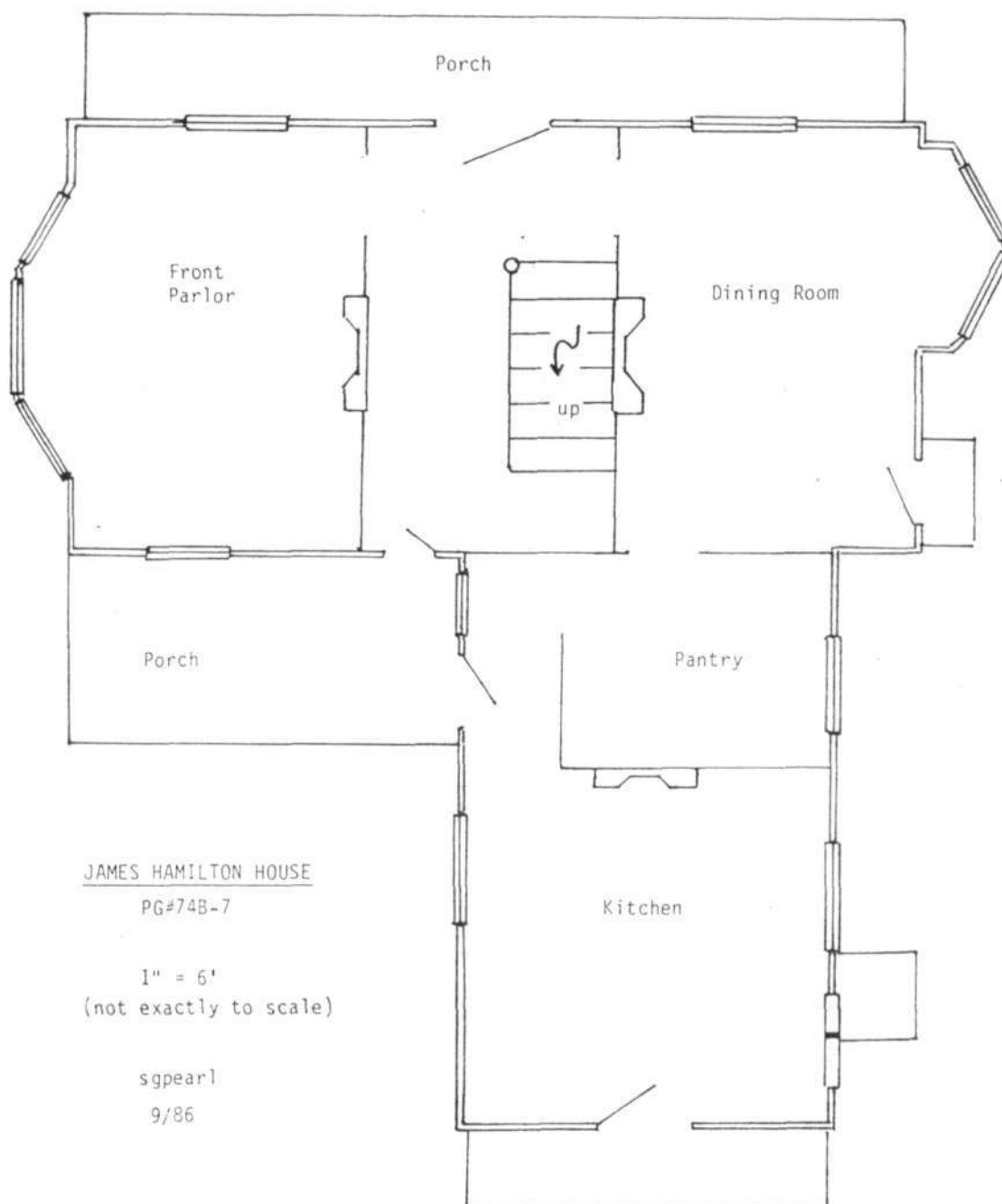
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first floor plan



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1" = 6'
(not exactly to scale)

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8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locallyApplicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ DCriteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

N/A

Significant Dates

mid 1870s

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Wyvill, John C.

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The James Hamilton House is a good example of a Late Victorian farmhouse, typical of the post-Civil War period in rural Prince George's County; it has fine detail both exterior and interior. Built in the mid 1870s, it is distinguished by clipped gable (jerkinhead) roof treatment, central crossgable, jigsawn cornice brackets, and asymmetrical projecting bays. It was built by John C. Wyvill, a locally well-known carpenter and (together with Ingleside, Navajo and Kenilworth in the Marlboro area) is a prominent surviving example of his work. The Hamilton House has undergone a minimum of alteration, and has been the home of three generations of the family for whom it was built.

☒ See continuation sheet forHISTORIC CONTEXT and MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE
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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance
A.D. 1870-1930Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):
Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: building

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/single dwelling
Domestic/secondary structure

Known Design Source: unknown

Prince George's County has had an agriculture-based economy since the earliest days of its settlement; its principal crop during the eighteenth century was tobacco, and the principal avenue of commerce in the eastern part of the County was the Patuxent River. In 1704 Queen Anne Parish was created out of the older St. Paul's Parish, and St. Barnabas' became the established church of the new parish. In 1706 Queen Anne on the Patuxent River was established as a port town, and in 1747 was designated as a tobacco inspection station. Queen Anne remained a bustling commercial village until the middle of the nineteenth century when the river became unnavigable. In 1843 Queen Anne Election District (#7) was created out of the east central section of the County; it included the village of the same name, and approximately 50 square miles of wooded and cultivated land.

The period after the Civil War, saw a shift from a primarily agricultural economy to one which was dominated by industry and commerce. Towns and suburbs began to develop on the outskirts of Washington, D.C., in northwest Prince George's County. The southern and eastern sections of the County, however, remained entirely rural and dependent upon agriculture for subsistence. Many hereditary plantation owners found it impossible to hold together their large land holdings, and sold off parts of their land to be developed into small farms. This was the case with James Hamilton, a young farmer who in 1873 purchased from his brother-in-law, Beale Mullikin, 109 acres of farmland, part of the large plantation which the Harwood and Mullikin families had occupied since the late eighteenth century. The land lay in the rich agricultural area known as "The Forest" in the Queen Anne District of Prince George's County.

The Hamilton House is a good example of a refined rural vernacular dwelling, typical of the post-Civil War period in rural Prince George's County. It combines the traditional I-house plan with fine decorative

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detail both exterior and interior. It was built in the mid 1870's for James H. Hamilton by John C. Wyvill, and is one of several houses of this period built by the Wyvill family of carpenters who lived in Upper Marlboro. Two examples of Wyvill's work in the Marlboro area are Ingleside (P.G. #78-14b) and Navajo (P.G. #78-22). The Hamilton House bears significant resemblances to both of these houses: to Ingleside, with its jigsawn cornice brackets, central crossgable and two-story semi-octagonal bay, and to Navajo, with its central hall and flanking chimneys, and its rear kitchen ell. The Hamilton House is the only one of these buildings which has clipped gable (jerkinhead) roof treatment.¹

The Hamilton House is an important example of the work of a local builder who was active during the period following the Civil War, when descendants of hereditary plantation owners were struggling to continue their traditional farming practices. John C. Wyvill and his sons built many dwellings in the Upper Marlboro area, i.e. the east-central section of Prince George's County (Western Shore of Maryland). The Hamilton farmstead is typical of the small post-bellum farms of Prince George's County, in its production, on approximately 100 acres, of tobacco, grain and livestock. The property is important both for its architectural and its agricultural themes.

The period of significance of the Hamilton House covers approximately 70 years, from the period of construction of the house (mid-1870's) to the death in 1940 of James H. Hamilton for whom it was built. This period of significance includes the growth of the farm from 109 to 172 acres, and the construction of some new farm buildings around 1920.

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The James Hamilton House was built in the mid-1870's on a 109-acre farm, part of the tract known as Bowdle's Choice. James Higgins Hamilton had acquired the land in 1873 from his brother-in-law, Beale D. Mullikin, whose home, Harwood Hall (cf. P.G. #74B-9), adjoined the farm to the west. In the mid 1870's, Hamilton contracted with John C. Wyvill to design for him a farmhouse to be built of imported Georgia pine. The house was a refined form of the traditional vernacular I-house, distinguished by central crossgable, jigsawn cornice brackets and projecting bays, and with particularly fine interior wood moldings. Family tradition indicates that the construction bill was \$6,000.²

In 1886 Hamilton married Ida Hume, and their two children were brought up in this house. The Hamilton family continued to farm the property, increasing the acreage to 172 acres, and constructing a few new farm build-

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ings in the 1920's.³ James Higgins Hamilton died in 1940, leaving all of his real estate to these two children, James Hume Hamilton and Louise Hamilton Peach. In the division of his land, James Hume Hamilton received 87 acres of Bowdle's Choice including the home place. It has remained the Hamilton family home to the present day. The surrounding 81 acres has recently been converted to horse farming; the Hamilton family holds a life estate in the approximately five-acre residential parcel.⁴

Approximately 1/4 mile north of the house is an early gable-on-hip-roof tobacco barn, which predates the house; it was part of the Harwood Hall plantation out of which the Hamilton farm was created.⁵ This barn was used by the Hamiltons as part of the farm complex, but is not included in the nominated five-acre parcel.

The Hamilton House is a fine example of a Victorian vernacular farmhouse which has undergone a minimum of alteration. It embodies several characteristics of this rural vernacular dwelling type (e.g. central cross-gable, jigsawn cornice brackets and projecting bays) and is one of several buildings produced by John C. Wyvill, a locally well-known carpenter. It has remained the home of the Hamilton family for more than a century since its construction.

Notes

1 cf. Prince George's County Inventory Files #78-14b, #78-22, #79-50.

2 Prince George's County HB #7:153; cf. Prince George's County Historic Site File #74B-9; the Hamilton family has the bill for Wyvill's services, but it has not been located at the present time.

3 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1888-1925.

4 Prince George's County Will WTD #6:120; estate file #6711; deed #634:7.

5 Prince George's County Will TT #1:61; Federal Direct Tax, 1798, for Prince George's County.

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Chain of Title

James Hamilton House
P.G. #74B-7

#6435:455 8 Sept. 1986 Deed	Lillias W. Hamilton (surviving tenant by the entireties of James H. Hamilton who died 28 October 1973) to J. Michael Fajman, 5.051 acres as shown by plat of Real Estate Development Technology Associates, July 1986, part of land described in #1953:500, together with 22 foot right-of-way from U.S. Route 301.
#1935:500 1 Feb. 1956 Deed	R. Bowie Clagett to James H. Jr., and Lillias W. Hamilton; three parcels: (a) one acre, (b) 86.68 acres which Hamilton acquired by #634:7, (c) 6 acres - making a total of 93.68 acres; all of which Clagett obtained from Hamilton by deed of even date.
#1935:497 1 Feb. 1956 Deed	James H. Jr., and Lillias Hamilton to R. Bowie Clagett; same three parcels as in above deed.
#634:7 5 Mar. 1942 Deed of Partition	Louise Hamilton Peach and husband, to James H. Hamilton and wife, 86.68 acres; this deed divides land of James H. Hamilton, Sr., their father. Lands thus conveyed form part of "Bowdle's Choice", conveyed to Hamilton, Sr. by HB #7:153; includes dwelling house of late James H. Hamilton, Sr., devised by him in will WTD #6:120; Louise Hamilton Peach and James H. Hamilton, Jr., being his only surviving heirs. (#628:355 conveys 86.62 acres of Hamilton's land to Louise Hamilton Peach.)
WTD #6:120 22 Feb. 1940 Deed	Testator, James H. Hamilton, Sr., to wife Ida, all real estate. Ida Hamilton predeceased James; his only survivors are James H. Hamilton, Jr., and Louise Hamilton Peach.
HB #7:153 24 April 1873 Deed	Beale D. Mullikin and wife, Talitha, and Mortimer Mullikin to James H. Hamilton; 109 acres of Bowdle's Choice.

Prince George's County Land and Will Records, Upper Marlboro, MD

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties, Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD

☐ See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67)
has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings
Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering
Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository:

preparer

10. Geographical Data

Area of property 5.051 acres

USGS quad: Bowie, MD

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries are delineated on Continuation Sheet No. 10/1

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Boundary Justification

See Continuation Sheet No. 10/2

☒ See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

Name/title Susan G. Pearl Research/Architectural Historian

Organization P.G. Co. Historic Preservation Commission date September 1986

street & number 4010 C.A.B. c/o M-NCPPC telephone 301-952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland zip code 20772

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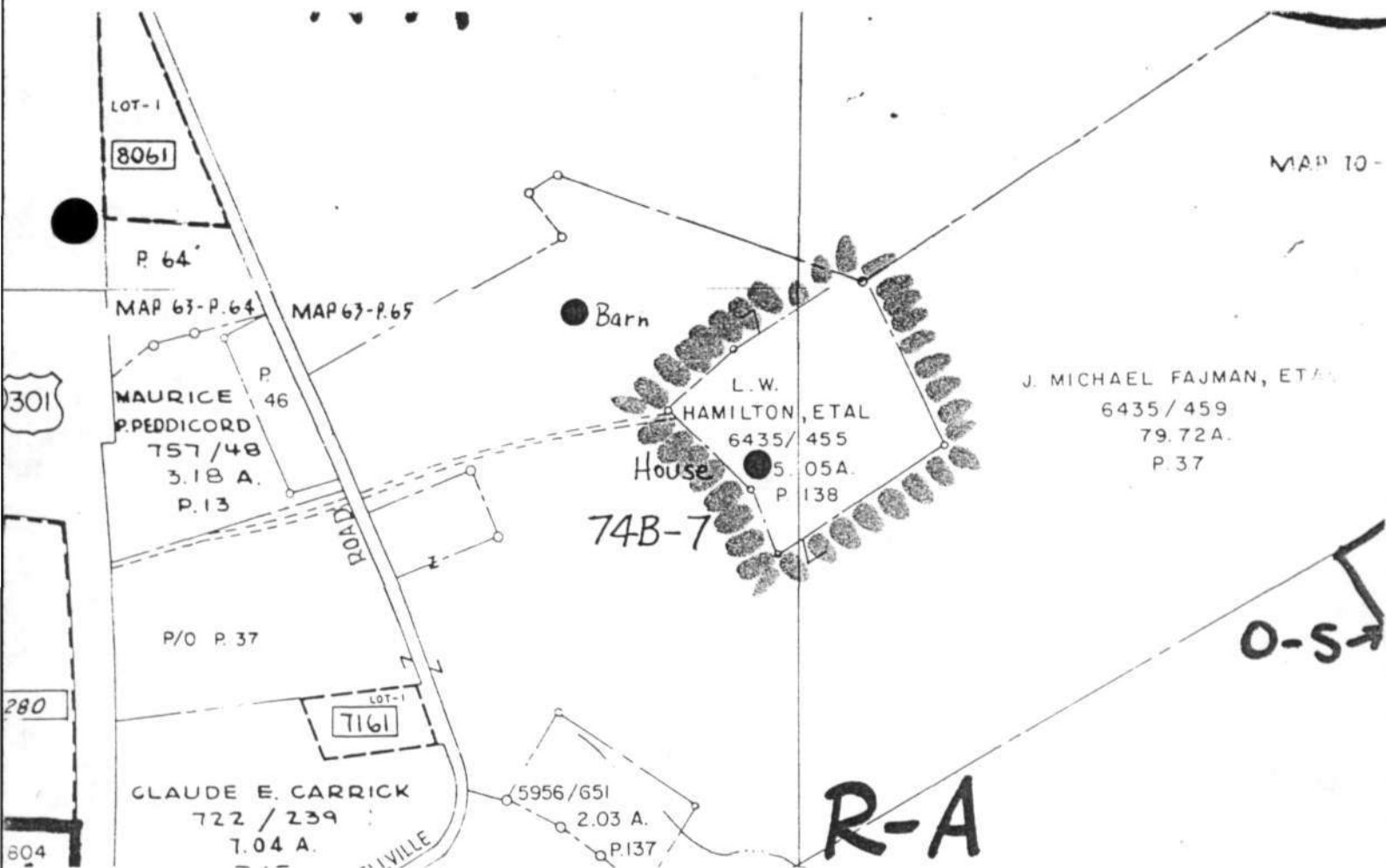
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Hamilton, James, House
Prince George's County, Maryland

PG:74B-7

boundary map

scale 1"=600'



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**National Register of Historic Places
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Boundary justification

The nominated property consists of 5.051 acres, all of that parcel of land described in Prince George's County deed #6435:455, parcel 138 on Tax Map #70. The property has a roughly rectangular shape; it is accessible from the northbound lane of U.S. Route 301 by an unpaved land which runs in an easterly direction and curves southward around the dwelling. The nominated property includes the dwelling house, and the mature trees which form its setting, one other contributing building (the meat house), and two non-contributing buildings (the garage and the dairy barn). The nominated property is partially bounded on the north by part of the entrance lane, and on the west by another unpaved farm lane. The boundaries of this 5.051 acre parcel preserve the immediate grounds of the dwelling, and its historical and environmental setting.

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Survey No. P.G. #74B-7

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic James Hamilton House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1311 Crain Highway North ☐ not for publicationcity, town Mitchellville ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mrs. James Hamilton

street & number 1311 Crain Highway telephone no.:

city, town Mitchellville state and zip code Maryland 20716

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 1953

street & number Main Street folio 500

city, town Upper Marlboro, state Maryland 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, c/o County Planning Div., Rm.4010

city, town Upper Marlboro, state Maryland 20772

7. Description

Survey No.P.G. #74B-7

Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
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Check one

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary Description:

The James Hamilton House, built approximately 1878, is a two-and-one-half-story gable-roof frame house which stands in a grove of trees on farmland east of Crain Highway at Mitchellville. Its main block is a refined form of the standard I-house plan, highlighted by clipped gable ends, asymmetrical projecting bays, and central cross gable on the main north facade; the cornices of the main block, projecting bays and north porch are embellished with bold Eastlake style brackets. A rear kitchen wing extends to the south, inset slightly from the east gable end of the main block, forming an ell. The house is sheathed with German siding painted white; it rests on a brick foundation, and its roof is covered with (original) slate shingle. Outbuildings include a board and batten meat house contemporary with the house, a tobacco barn and garage constructed in the 1950's, and a large concrete block dairy barn constructed in the 1960's.

Description:

The James Hamilton House is a two-and-one-half-story gable-roof frame house which consists of main block and a slightly lower rear kitchen wing which forms an ell. It stands in a grove of trees approximately 1/4 mile east of (but not visible from) Crain Highway at Mitchellville.

The main block is three bays by one bay, approximately 36 by 18 feet, an elaborate form of the standard I-house plan with fine Italianate detail. It is highlighted by clipped gable ends and Eastlake style brackets. Entrance is in the central bay of the three-bay principal north facade, through a four-panel door with deeply molded round-arch Victorian panels. The three-pane transom and two-pane sidelights are now filled with clear glass, which replaces the original colored lights. There are wainscot panels beneath the sidelights, and the casing consists of a plain board surround.

Above the entrance at third level is a central cross gable; it is lighted by an arched window which repeats the profile of the clipped gable ends. This window is 3/3 double hung sash, and has a plain board surround without shutters. (An early photograph of the house shows that the central cross gable was originally ornamented with stick style pendants and tall finial; the finial has been preserved.)

Sheltering the north facade of the main block is a one-story hip-roof porch supported by chamfered posts with jigsaw brackets: open curved lateral brackets, and boldly profiled Italianate brackets supporting the eaves. The house is clad with German siding painted white. Windows on the first story are full-length 4/8 double hung sash, (created by additional

8. Significance

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Specific dates ca. 1878 Builder/Architect John C. Wyvill

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Significance

The James Hamilton House is a good example of a Victorian vernacular farmhouse, with fine detail both exterior and interior. Built approximately 1878, it is distinguished by clipped gable (jerkinhead) roof treatment central cross gable, Eastlake style cornice brackets, and asymmetrical projecting bays. It was built by John C. Wyvill, a locally well-known carpenter and (together with Ingleside, Navajo and Kenilworth in the Marlboro area) is a prominent surviving example of his work. The Hamilton House has undergone a minimum of alteration, and has been the home of three generations of the family for whom it was built.

History and Support

The Hamilton House is a good example of a refined I-house plan with particularly fine detail both exterior and interior. It was built approximately 1878 for James H. Hamilton by John C. Wyvill, and is one of several houses of this period built by the Wyvill family of carpenters who lived in Upper Marlboro. Two examples of Wyvill's work in the Marlboro area are Ingleside (#78-14b) and Navajo (#79-35); the Hamilton House bears significant resemblances to both of these houses, in particular to Ingleside, with its Eastlake style cornice brackets, central cross gable and two-story semi-octagonal bay. The Hamilton House is the only one of these three which had clipped gable (jerkinhead) roof treatment.¹

The house was built for James Higgins Hamilton on a 109-acre farm, part of the tract known as Bowdle's Choice. Hamilton had acquired the land in 1873 from his brother-in-law, Beale D. Mullikin, whose home, Harwood Hall (cf. #74B-9), adjoined the farm. Approximately 1878, Hamilton contracted with John C. Wyvill to build for him a farmhouse of imported Georgia pine. The house was a refined form of the standard vernacular I-house, distinguished by central cross gable, Eastlake cornice brackets and projecting bays, and with particularly fine interior wood moldings. Family memory indicates that the construction bill was \$6,000.²

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G. #74B-7

Cf. Chain of Title
Cf. Notes, Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 86.68 acres

Tax Map 70, Parcel 37

Quadrangle name Bowie, Section G

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Principal Investigator, Historic Survey Project

organization Historic Preservation Commission

date August 1986

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street & number 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive

telephone 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro,

state Maryland 20772

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muntings applied to the original 2/4 sashes). Windows in the second story are 6/6 double hung sash, replacing the original 2/2 sashes (3/3 in central bay). The windows have plain board surrounds and dark green louvered shutters.

Each of the east and west gable ends of the main block is lighted by a two-story projecting bay; these two bays are not symmetrical to one another. In the east gable end is a hip-roof semi-hexagonal bay with 6/6 windows in each of its two faces. South of this east bay is a side entrance to the house, sheltered by a one-story shed-roof entry porch; the porch is supported by chamfered posts with molded capitals and bases. In the west gable end is a hip-roof semi-octagonal bay with 6/6 double hung sash windows in each of its three faces; this west bay fills the entire west gable end. The eaves of the two projecting bays are punctuated with boldly profiled Eastlake brackets. The present windows replace original 2/2 sashes.

The gable roof of the main block is covered with slate (original), and the gable ends are clipped (jerkinhead style). The cornice is boxed, with overhanging eaves, and embellished with the same Eastlake style brackets which adorn the north porch and side bays. Two corbelled brick chimneys rise from the ridge, flanking the central bay, and serving fireplaces in the interior walls of the two parlors.

Interior plan of the main block is a central stairhall flanked by two parlors. The open string two-run staircase rises along the east wall of the stairhall to a landing, then turns and a second run rises along the west wall to the two second story chambers. The stair has a heavy turned newel, turned balusters and bracketed stair ends; the spandrel is plain. The stairhall has a circular plaster ceiling medallion with floral motifs. The door and window surrounds throughout the main block are particularly fine, with a large outer torus bead, and inner courses of frieze, fillet and cyma reversa moldings.

Each of the parlors is warmed by a fireplace centrally located in its interior wall. These two fireplaces have identical mantels of dark marbleized stone with applied central shield/cartouche below the shelf. The living room (west) has a high molded baseboard, and a plaster ceiling medallion with floral and acanthus-leaf motifs. The dining room (east) has a pedestal chair-rail, below which is vertical beaded wainscoting. The oval plaster ceiling medallion has grape motifs.

Inset from the east gable end of the main block, extending to the south and forming an ell, is a two-bay-by-one-bay kitchen wing, approximately 24 by 16 feet. Siding of the wing is the same as the main block. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash with plain board surrounds and dark green louvered shutters. There is a small lunette window at third level in the south gable end. The overhanging eaves of the gable roof are not bracketed. The roof is covered with slate, as is the main block, and a

corbelled brick chimney is centrally located at the ridge. Filling the inside (southwest) corner of the ell is a shed-roof porch with stick-style brackets; it shelters entrances into the rear of the stairhall (main block) and the first bay (west facade) of the wing. There is a doorway centered in the south gable end of the wing; it is sheltered by a plain (1940's) one-story shed roof porch which spans the south gable end. All exterior trim, including corner posts, is painted white. The entire house rests on a brick foundation which encloses a basement.

Interior of the wing consists of two spaces, pantry on the north and kitchen on the south, connected by a side corridor along the west wall. There is a small enclosed staircase in the southwest corner which has been closed to create a bathroom. All of the interior walls of the wing were originally covered with beaded wainscoting, laid horizontally. Alterations (1940's) in the kitchen space include the replacement of a south window by the present door, and the addition of a two-pane window in the east wall where the original door had been.

The house stands within a semicircular drive. Two large linden trees planted at the time of construction of the house, frame the north entrance. Directly east of the house is an open gable-roof garage structure constructed (1950's) of brick and concrete block; directly south of the garage is a frame meat house, contemporary with the dwelling. The meat house has gable roof covered with corrugated metal, and wide board and batten siding. Entrance is through a batten door in the west facade. The meat house is in deteriorating condition, surrounded by considerable undergrowth.

Southeast of the meat house is a large concrete block dairy barn, constructed in the 1960's. It has gambrel-roof covered with standing seam aluminum. Entrance is in the west end of the building, and there is a small one-story shed-roof addition attached on the south. Farther to the east is a gable roof tobacco barn, constructed in the 1950's, with vertical board siding.

(Approximately 1/4 mile north of the house is a nineteenth century tobacco barn with gable-on-hip roof. This barn is not within the nominated five acres, and was not observed at this time; a brief study during the 1970's by Smithsonian Institution staff indicates old beams and posts which suggest that the barn is considerable older than the house. West of the house and visible from Crain Highway is a small English style house built in 1927 on a one-acre lot carved out of the Hamilton farm.)

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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In 1886 Hamilton married Ida Hume, and their two children were brought up in this house. James Higgins Hamilton died in 1940, leaving all of his real estate to these two children, James Hume Hamilton and Louise Hamilton Peach. In the division of his land, James Hume Hamilton received 87 acres of Bowdle's Choice including the home place. It has remained the Hamilton family home to the present day.³

(Approximately 1/4 mile north of the house is a nineteenth century tobacco barn, which probably predates the house.)

The Hamilton House is a fine example of a Victorian vernacular farmhouse which has undergone a minimum of alteration. It embodies several characteristics of this type of dwelling, e.g. central cross gable, Eastlake cornice brackets and projecting bays, and is one of several buildings produced by a locally well-known carpenter. It has remained the home of the same family for the more-than-100-years since its construction.

Notes

¹ cf. Prince George's County Inventory Files #78-14b, #79-35, #79-50.

² Prince George's County HB #7:153; cf. Prince George's County Historic Site File #74B-9; the Hamilton family has the bill for Wyvill's services, but it has not been located at the present time.

³ Prince George's County Will WTD #6:120; estate file #6711; deed #634:7.

Chain of Title

James Hamilton House - P.G. #74B-7

#1935:500
1 Feb. 1956
Deed

R. Bowie Clagett to James H. Jr., and Lillias W. Hamilton; three parcels: (a) one acre, (b) 86.68 acres which Hamilton acquired by #634:7, (c) 6 acres - making a total of 93.68 acres; all of which Clagett obtained from Hamilton by deed of even date.

#1935:497
1 Feb. 1956
Deed

James H. Jr., and Lillias Hamilton to R. Bowie Clagett; same three parcels as in above deed.

#634:7
5 Mar. 1942
Deed of Partition

Louise Hamilton Peach and husband, to James H. Hamilton and wife, 86.68 acres; this deed divides lands of James H. Hamilton, Sr., their father. Lands thus conveyed form part of "Bowdle's Choice", conveyed to Hamilton, Sr. by HB #7:153; includes dwelling house of late James H. Hamilton, Sr., devised by him in will WTD #6:120; Louise Hamilton Peach and James H. Hamilton, Jr., being his only surviving heirs. (#628:355 conveys 86.62 acres of Hamilton's land to Louise Hamilton Peach.)

WTD #6:120
22 Feb. 1940
Deed

Testator, James H. Hamilton, Sr.; to wife Ida, all real estate.

HB #7:153
24 April 1873
Deed

Beale D. Mullikin and wife, Talitha, and Mortimer Mullikin to James H. Hamilton; 109 acres of Bowdle's Choice.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #74B-7 Building Date: ca. 1873

Building Name: James Hamilton house

Location: 1311 Crain Highway North, Mitchellville, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description:

The Hamilton house is a two-and-one-half-story three-bay, white frame house (ca. 36 feet by 18 feet) with gable roof, which retains most of its Victorian detail. Entrance to the main block is in the central bay of the main north facade, through a door with transom and sidelights. In the central bay at loft level is a peaked gable which has a round-headed 3/3 window. The east level and west gable ends have clipped gables (jerkinhead treatment); the cornice of the main block is bracketed, and there are two interior chimneys with corbelled caps at the ridge. Across the north facade is a one-story porch with chamfered, bracketed posts. Extending south behind the east part of the main block, and giving the entire house an L shape, is a two-bay, 2 1/2 story wing, ca. 24 feet by 16 feet. The plan of the main block consists of central stairhall with a parlor on each side. The door and window surrounds have handsome heavy multi-band moldings without corner blocks, and the two parlors have Victorian marbelized mantels. The house has German siding, brick foundations, and a slate roof.

North of the house is a framed tobacco barn with high-pitched gable roof and shallower pitched shed-roofed aisles, considerably older than the house.

Significance:

This house was built by James H. Hamilton ca. 1873 on part of "Bowdle's Choice", sold to him by his brother-in-law Beale D. Mullikin who lived on the adjoining farm, Harwood Hall. Hamilton died in 1940, leaving all of his real estate to his two children; in the division of these lands, James Hamilton, Jr., received 87 acres of Bowdle's Choice which included the house. It remains in the Hamilton family today. Originally accessible by the old Mithcellville Road, the Hamilton house is located on land which is still farmed, set back in a grove of large trees a quarter of mile east of Crain Highway. It is a fine example of a handsome Victorian farmhouse which has under gone a minimum of alteration, and which retains its rural, historical setting.

Acreage: 86.68 acres

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Survey No. P.G. #74B-7

Magi No. 1701985504

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

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The Hamilton House is a two-and-one-half-story three-bay, white frame house (ca. 36' x 18') with gable roof, which retains most of its Victorian detail. It is located approximately 1/4 mile east of (but not visible from) Crain Highway at Mitchellville. The principal facade faces north; entrance is in the central bay, through a door with transom and sidelights. Above this central bay at loft level is a central peaked gabled which has a round-headed 3/3 window; flanking this central gable at the ridge are two interior chimneys with corbelled caps, which serve the fireplaces on the interior walls of the two parlors. Across the north facade is a one-story porch with chamfered, bracketed posts. The full-length windows flanking the central doorway are 4/8.

The east and west gable ends have clipped gables (jerkin-head treatment). At each gable end is a two-story semi-hexagonal bay, although the two bays are not symmetrical to one another. Just south of the semi-hexagonal bay on the east gable end is a small shed-roofed porch with the same chamfered bracketed posts as on the north porch. The cornice of this main block of the house is bracketed.

In plan, the main block consists of a central stairhall with a parlor on each side.

Extending south behind the east part of the main block, and giving the entire house an L shape, is a two-bay, 2 1/2 story wing, ca. 24 feet by 16 feet. Centrally located at the ridge of this wing is a third chimney with corbelled cap. On the south (rear) of the main block, and filling the inside corner of the ell, is a porch with stick-style brackets, which gives entrance both to the central stairhall of the main block, and to the wing. At the south gable end (rear) of the wing is a plain shed-roofed porch.

In the main block, the door and window surrounds have very handsome heavy multi-band moldings without corner blocks; the two parlors have handsome Victorian marbleized mantels. In the wing the doors and windows have plain board surrounds. The exterior siding of the entire house is German siding made of imported Georgia pine. The foundation is brick, and the roof is slate, probably original.

8. Significance

Survey No. P.G.#74B-7

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Specific dates ca. 1873

Builder/Architect

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and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Hamilton House is a handsome Victorian farmhouse which retains most of its Victorian trim, both exterior and interior. It is located on a large farmstead west of the Patuxent River at Mitchellville.

The house was built by James H. Hamilton ca. 1873 on a 190-acre tract of land, part of "Bowdle's Choice". The land was sold to Hamilton in that year by his brother-in-law, Beale D. Mullikin; it adjoined Mullikin's home farm, Harwood Hall (P.G.#74B-9).¹ James Hamilton had the house constructed of Georgia pine which he imported for the purpose. In 1886, he married Ida Hume, and their two children were brought up in this house. James Hamilton died in 1940, leaving all of his real estate to his children, James H. Hamilton, Jr., and Louise Hamilton Peach; in the division of these lands, James Hamilton, Jr., received 87 acres of Bowdle's Choice which included the subject house. The house remains in the Hamilton family today.²

The Hamilton house is a fine example of a handsome Victorian farmhouse which has undergone a minimum of alteration. Originally accessible by the old Mitchellville Road, it is located on land which is still farmed, and set back in a grove of large trees nearly a quarter of a mile east of Crain Highway.

¹ P.G. County Deed HB#7:153

² P.G. County Will WTD#6:120; Deed #634:388; interview with owner, July 1984.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. PG 74B-7

P.G. Co. Deeds #1953:500,497; #634:7; #628:355; HB#7:153

P.G. Co. Will WTD #6:120

P.G. Co. Tax Assesments, 7th E.D. 1871-1923; P.G Co. Census 1880, 1900;

Interview with owner, July 1984.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property (Total 86.68 acres)

Quadrangle name BOWIE Tax Map 70, parcel 37

Quadrangle scale _____

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission

date July 1984

street & number c/o Planning Department, M-NCPPC

telephone 952-3521

city or town C.A.B., Upper Marlboro,

state Md.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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7. (Continued)

A photograph in the owner's possession shows the house when it was new. At that time, the central peaked gable had stick-style decoration including a tall finial.

On the same property but nearly 1/4 mile north of the house, is a framed tobacco barn with high-pitched gable roof and shallower-pitched shed-roofed aisles. Some of the original beams and posts suggest that the barn is considerably older than the house.

West of the house, and visible from Crain Highway, is a small English-style house built in 1927 on a one-acre lot carved out of the Hamilton farm.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Hamilton House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 1311 North Crain Highway (Now on Old Mitchellville Road)				
CITY OR TOWN: Mitchellville				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Prince George's		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. James Hamilton				
STREET AND NUMBER: 1311 North Crain Highway				
CITY OR TOWN: Mitchellville		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION					
CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed				
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE					
<p>The house is a two-story, frame structure built on an L-plan. The main (west) facade is three bays with a central doorway. The windows are 4/4/4 double hung sash opening onto the porch floor. On either gable end there are two story triangular bay windows. A porch extends across the facade. The siding is tongue-and-groove milled Georgia pine.</p>					

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1870

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house cost James Hamilton \$6,000 to build
in 1870.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

3 Oct 74

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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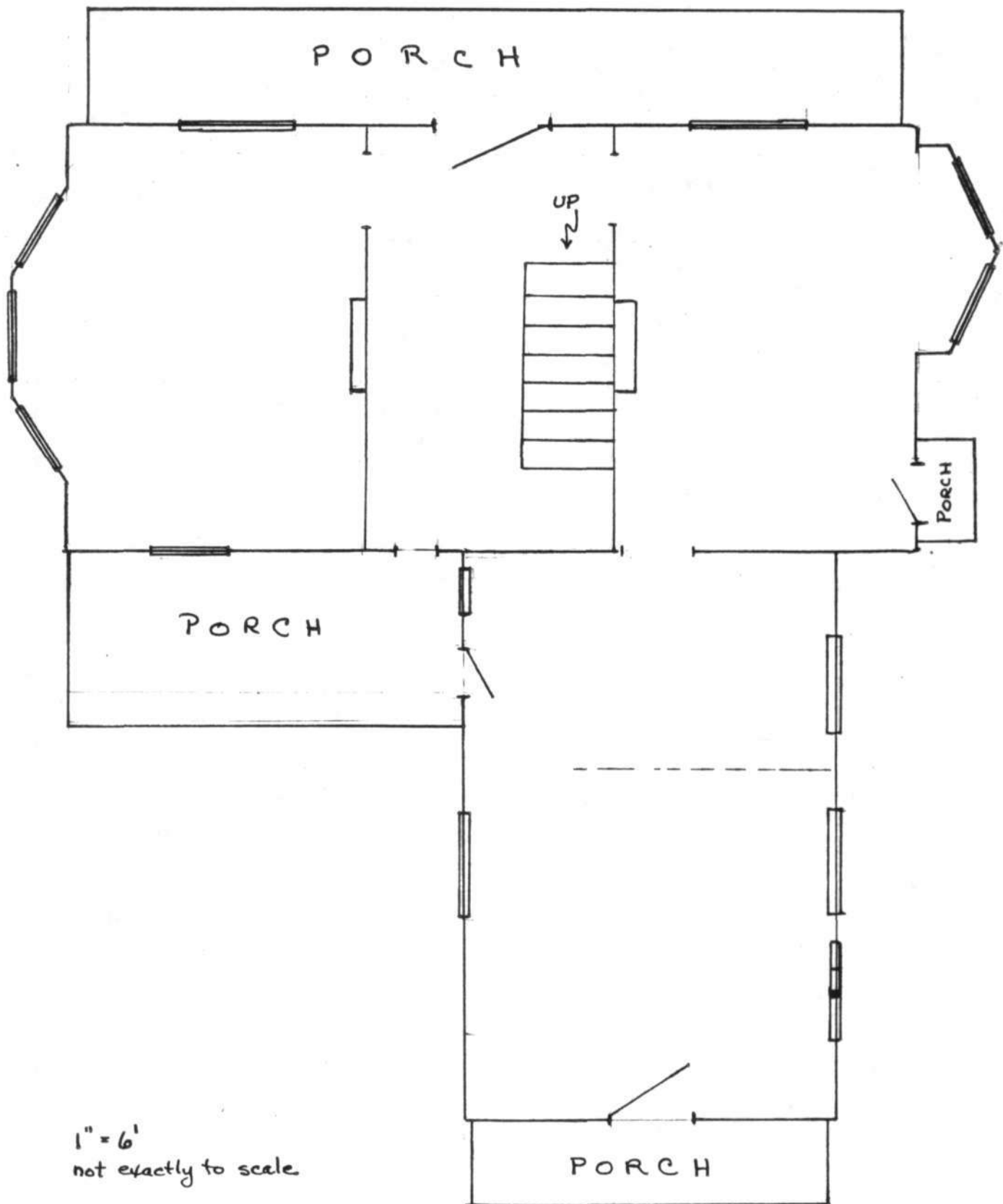
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HAMILTON HOUSE



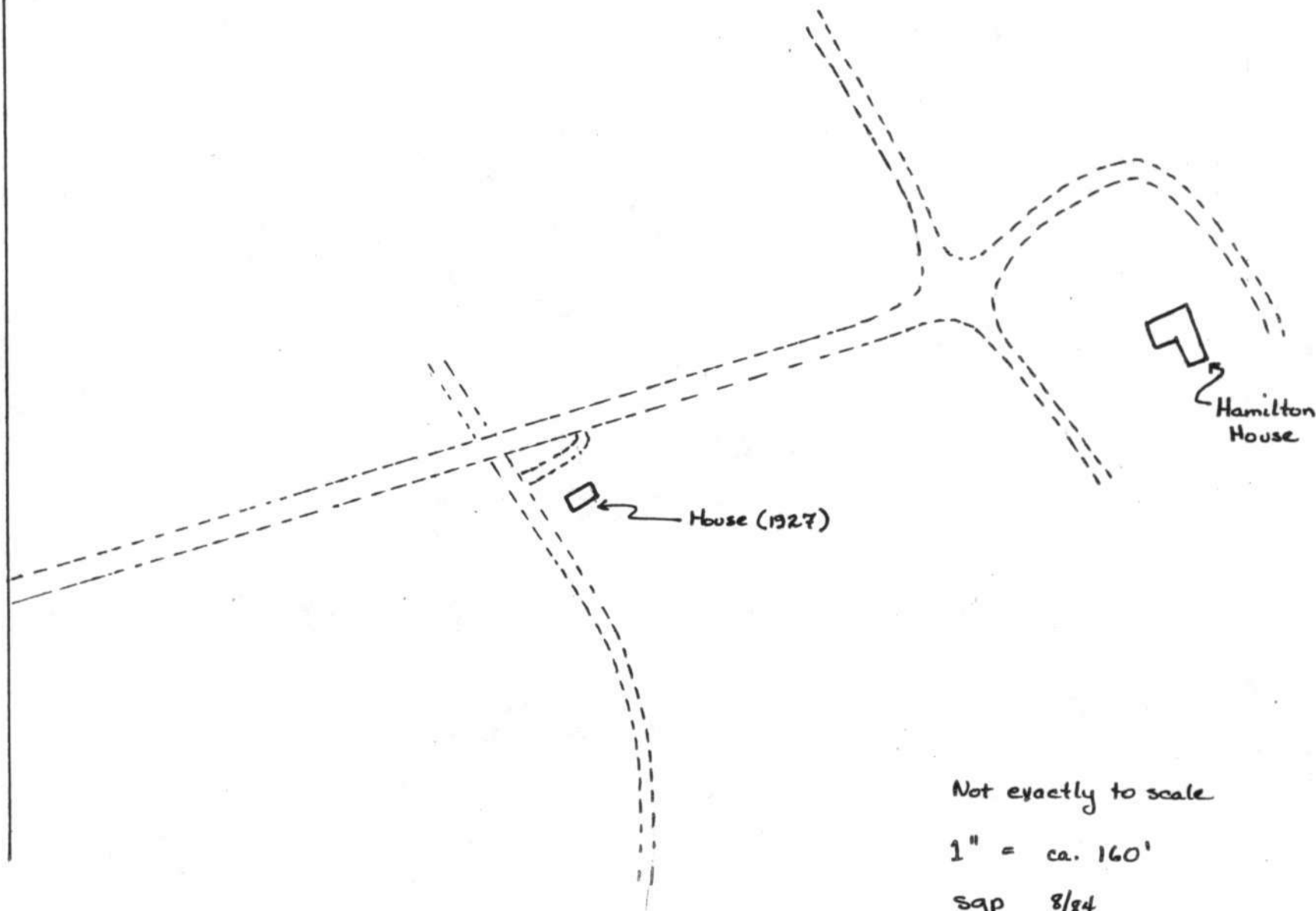
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CRAIN HIGHWAY (U.S. Rte. # 301) NORTHBOUND

JAMES HAMILTON HOUSE
P.G. # 74B-7
SITE PLAN

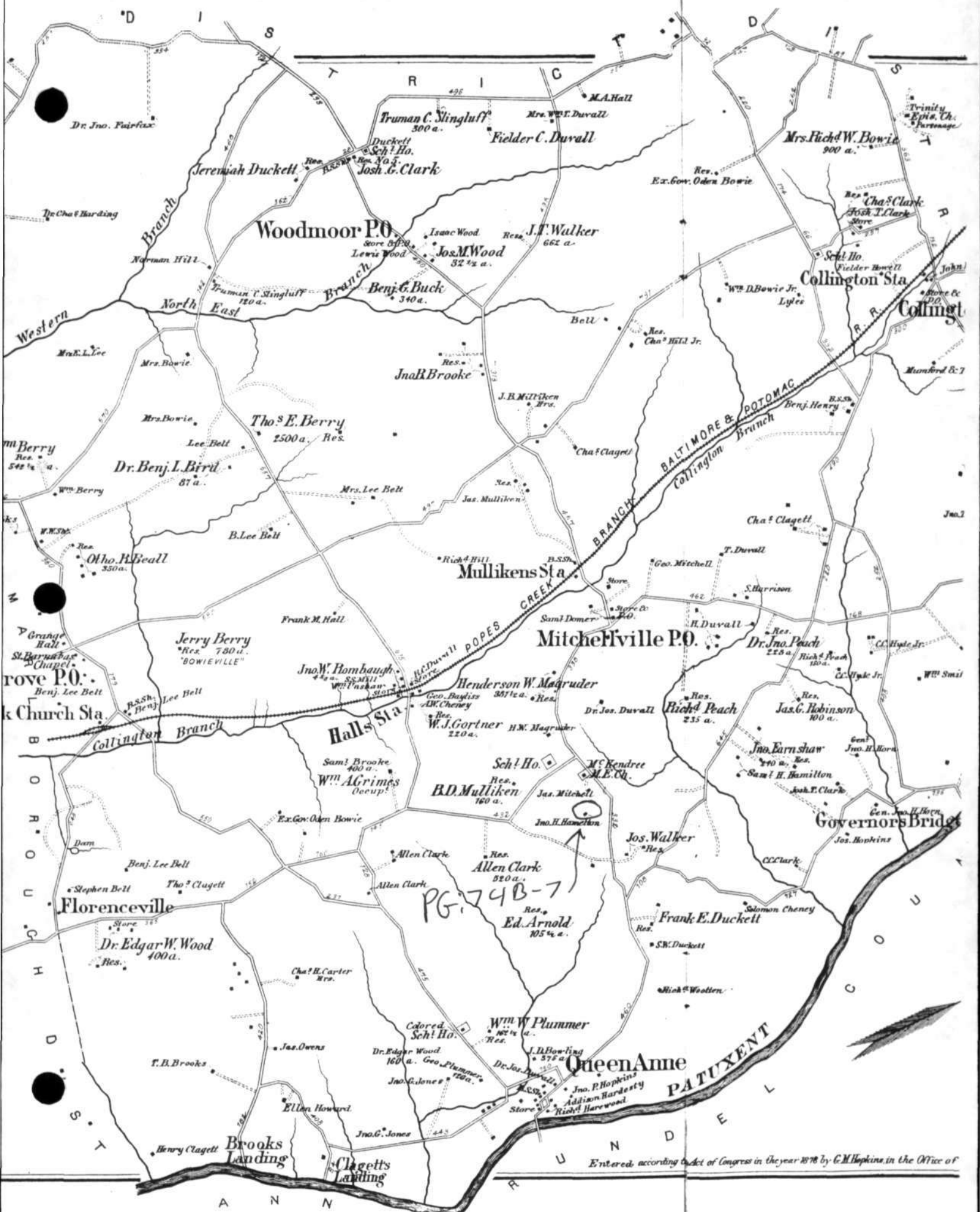
 tobacco barn



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ADM 12122
3.58 A.
P.57

SAMUEL CRAWFORD
3939 / 669
47.50 A.
P.68

O-S

LOUISE H. PEACH
1691 / 121
81.98 A.
P.65

R-A

3.00 A.
P.41

LOT-1

8061

R.64

MAP 63-P.64

MAP 63-P.65

Barn

MAURICE
P. PEDDICORD
757 / 48
3.18 A.
P.13

P.46

House

JAMES H. HAMILTON, JR.
1953-500
86.82 A.
P.37

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P/O P.37

ROAD

LOT-1
7161

CLAUDE E. CARRICK
722 / 239
7.04 A.
P.15

1.00 A.
P.35

LEWIS J. PARKER
374 / 282
9.53 A.
P.34

R-A

MEYER G.
KUSHNER
2513-273
6.36 A.
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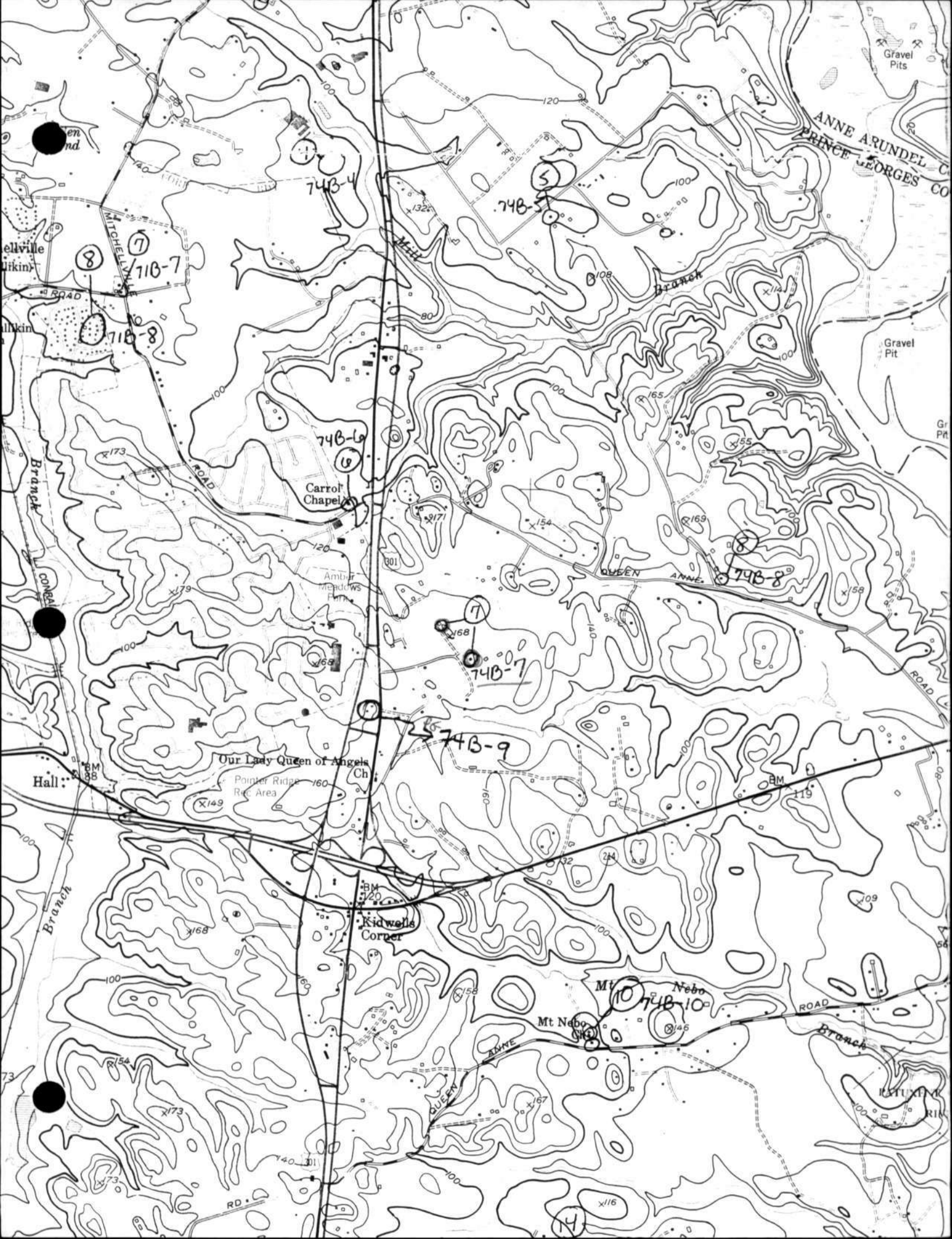
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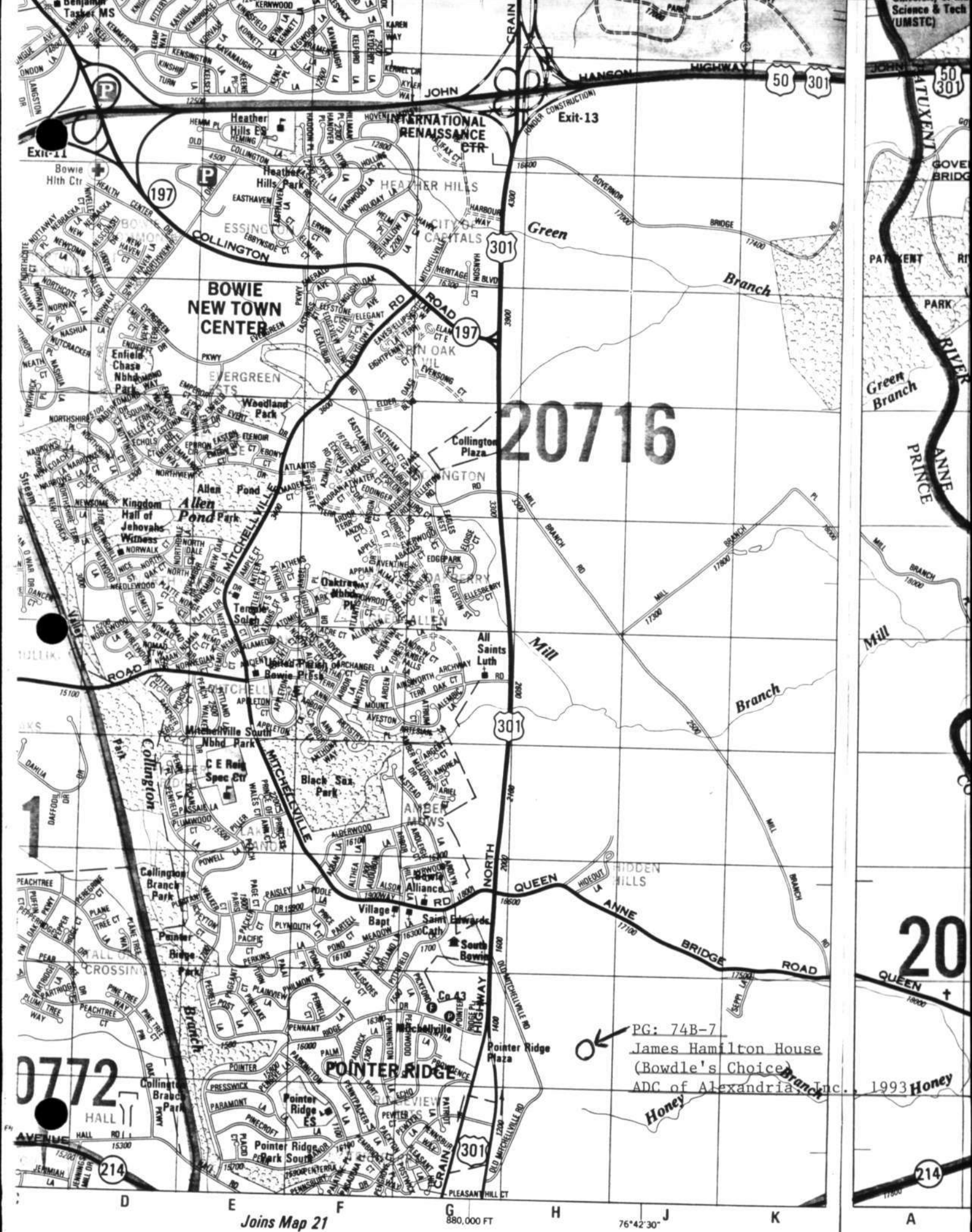
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Gravel Pit
P.G. 74B-7







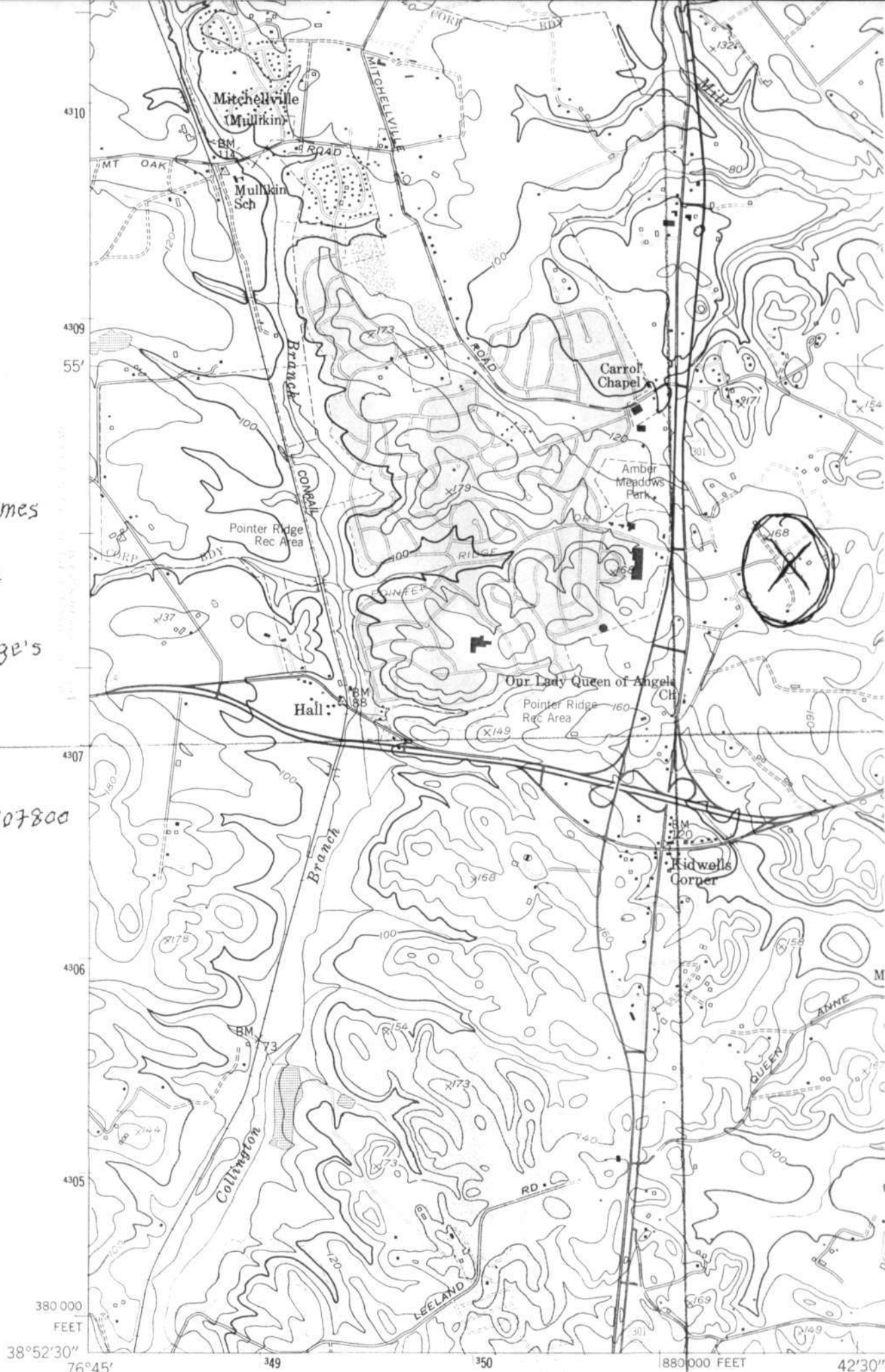
Hamilton, James
House

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
Real Property Data Search

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Account Identifier: District - 07 Account Number - 2838415

Owner Information

Owner Name: FAJMAN,J MICHAEL & TERESA J Use: RESIDENTIAL
Principal Residence: YES
Mailing Address: 16810 FEDERAL HILL CT
BOWIE MD 20716-3507 Deed Reference: 1) /10950/ 411
2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address Zoning Legal Description
16810 FEDERAL HILL CT RA HISTORIC SITE 74B-
BOWIE 20716 7
FEDERAL HILL FARM>

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:	168095
70	F1			2085			8	81	Plat Ref:	

Special Tax Areas Town Ad Valorem Tax Class 21

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1878	2,160 SF	5.43 AC	001

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
2	NO	STANDARD UNIT	FRAME

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2002	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004
Land:	103,550	119,470		
Improvements:	87,730	110,060		
Total:	191,280	229,530	216,778	229,530
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller: FAJMAN,J MICHAEL	Date: 08/13/1996	Price: \$0
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: /10950/ 411	Deed2:
Seller: HAMILTON,LILLIAS W & J MICHAEL FAJM	Date: 10/19/1994	Price: \$0
Type: UNKNOWN	Deed1: / 9845/ 726	Deed2:
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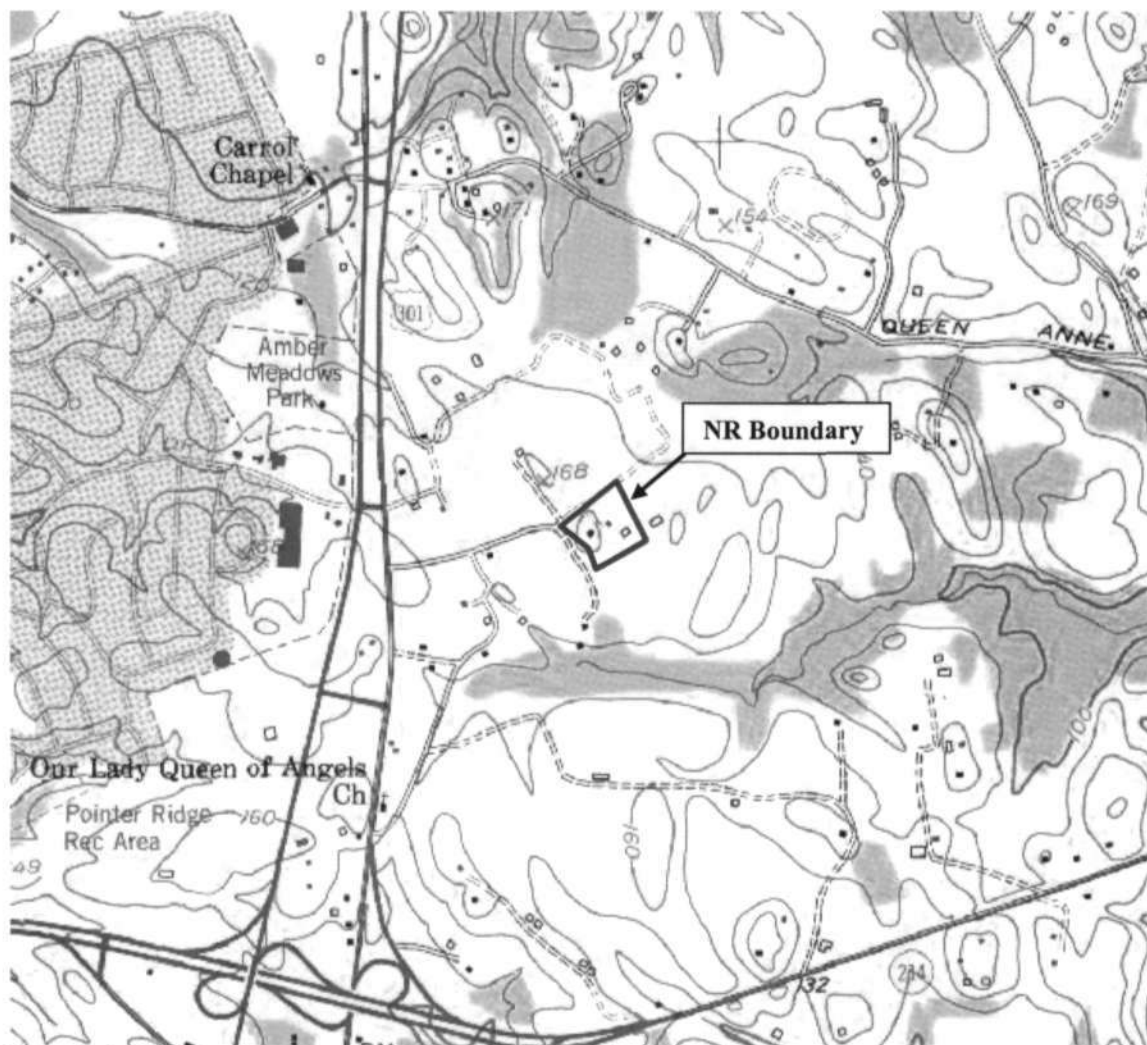
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Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

* NONE *

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James Hamilton House
(Bowdle's Choice)
16810 Federal Hill Court, Bowie
Bowie Quadrangle





James Hamilton Horse

Prince George's County, MD

Susan L. Pearl

November 1987

North elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis,
Md.



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Hamilton Farmstead
PRINCE GEORGE'S CO, MD
SUSAN G. PEARL
DECEMBER 1987
NW $\frac{3}{4}$ ELEVATION,
DAIRY BARN
NEG: MD HIST TRUST,
ANNAPOLIS, MD



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HAMILTON FARMSTEAD
PRINCE GEORGE'S CO., MD
SUSAN G. PEARL
WEST ELEVATION, MEAT HOUSE
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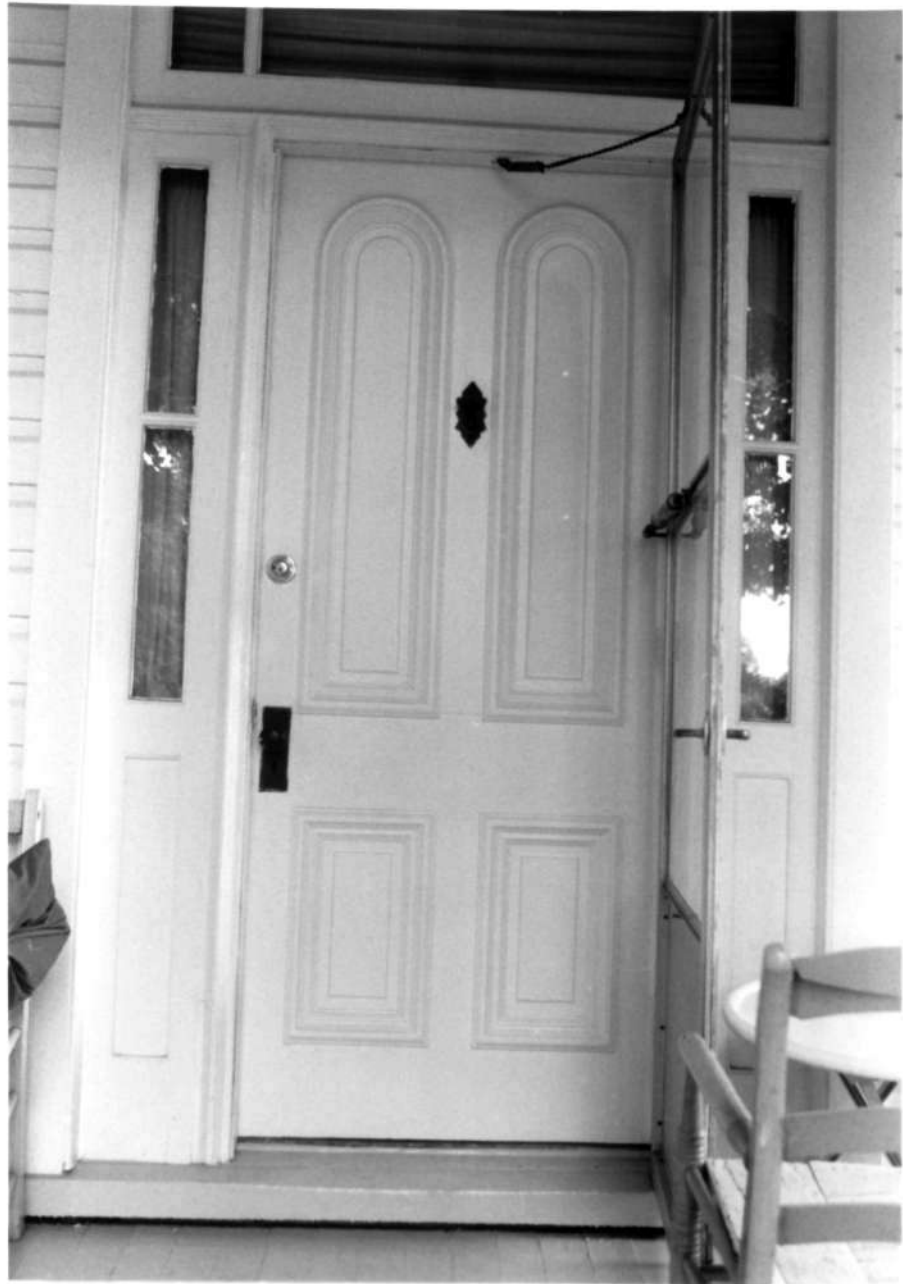
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James Hamilton House
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
July 1986
West bay
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James Hamilton House
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Susan G. Pearl
July 1986
Meathouse & dairy barn, view to SE
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James Hamilton House
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Susan G. Pearl
July 1986
North entrance
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James Hamilton House
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Susan G. Pearl
July 1986
Interior detail, stairhall
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James Hamilton House PG#74B-7
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Interior detail, parlor molding
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James Hamilton House
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Susan G. Pearl
July 1986
Northwest 3/4 elevation (old photo)
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James Hamilton House
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Susan G. Pearl
July 1986
Detail, plaster medallion
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James Hamilton House
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Mantel, west parlor
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Hamilton house

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1984

North elevation

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P.G. #74B-7

Hamilton house

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1984

Southeast 3/4 elevation

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Hamilton house

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1984

Southwest 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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James Hamilton House
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
April 1984
Southwest 3/4 elevation
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Hamilton house

Prince George's County, MD

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July 1984

Door, North elevation

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NAME HAMILTON HOUSE

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LOCATION Rt 301 MITCHELLVILLE, Md.

FACADE E

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NAME HAMILTON - TOBACCO BARN

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LOCATION Rt 301 MITCHELLVILLE, Md

EACADE LOOKING NE

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